

CLAIMS

1. (original) A method for use with first and second metadata streams with respect to a video stream, the first metadata stream time-coded with respect to the video stream and the second metadata stream not time-coded with respect to the video stream, the method comprising the steps of:

aligning the second metadata stream with the first metadata stream;

adding time codes to the second metadata stream, based on the alignment;

searching for proper names within the second metadata stream;

finding faces within the video stream;

matching faces with proper names; and

placing the matched faces and proper names into a reference library.

2. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the video stream is news footage, wherein the first metadata stream is closed captioning for the hearing impaired, and wherein the second metadata stream is a separate description of the news footage.

3-21. (canceled)

22. (original) A method for use with a metadata stream with respect to a video stream, the metadata stream time-coded with respect to the video stream, the method comprising the steps, performed by a computer, of:

searching for proper names within the metadata stream;

finding faces within the video stream;

matching faces with proper names; and

placing the matched faces and proper names into a reference library.

23. (original) The method of claim 22 wherein the video stream is news footage, wherein the metadata stream is closed captioning for the hearing impaired.

24. (presently amended) A method for use with a metadata stream with respect to at least one video stream, the metadata stream time-coded with respect to the at least one video stream, the method comprising the steps, performed by a computer, of:

searching for proper names within the metadata stream;

finding faces within the at least one video stream;

matching faces with proper names;

placing the matched faces and proper names into a reference library; and

for a selected proper name, generating a list of locations within the at least one video stream associated with that selected proper name.

25. (original) The method of claim 24 wherein the video stream is news footage, wherein the metadata stream is closed captioning for the hearing impaired.

26. (original) The method of claim 24 further comprising the step of communicating the list of locations to a rights management system.

27-29. (canceled)